**Chapter 26 Reading Questions American Pageant**

Use lots of **proper nouns** to respond to the questions from the chapter.

1. Explain the extent to which government agencies and conservationist organizations contended with corporate interests about the extension of public control over natural resources, including land and water.
2. In what ways did farmers adapt to the new realities of mechanized agriculture and dependence on the evolving railroad system by creating local and regional organizations that sought to resist corporate control of agricultural markets.
3. How did the growth of corporate power in agriculture and economic instability in the farming sector inspire activists to create the People’s (Populist) Party, which called for political reform and a stronger governmental role in the American economic system?
4. To what extent did business interests battle conservationists as the as the conservationists sought to protect sections of unspoiled wilderness through the establishment of national parks and other conservationist and preservationist measures.
5. How did Post-civil War migration to the American West, encouraged by economic opportunities and government policies, cause the federal government to violate treaties with American Indian nations in order to expand the amount of land available to settlers?
6. As competition for land in the West increased violent conflict, give examples of how the U.S. government tended to respond to American Indian resistance with military force, eventually dispersing tribes onto small reservations and hoping to end American Indian tribal identities through assimilation.